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INFORMATION RELEASE SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPOINTS DEPUTY TO NC³TF TASK FORCE

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The Solano County Sheriff's Office recently appointed Deputy Larry Duffield to the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force (NC³TF) based out of Napa. The NC³TF is made up of seven northern California Counties including Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa, Contra Costa, Solano, and Lake County. The NC³TF has been in operation since 2000 and is one of five task forces within California specializing in high technology crimes. The grant receives its funding from the States **High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program** pursuant to California Penal Code Section 13848. The grant is held and overseen by the Marin County District Attorney's Office.

The objective of the task force is to provide technical assistance to law enforcement within northern California. The task force is made up of two groups, one group specializing in computer forensics and the other group specializing in identity theft and high tech investigations. The task force also provides training to local law enforcement, and the public, with a wide variety of topics. Duffield is scheduled to be assigned to the computer forensics group within the task force.

Solano County Sheriff Thomas A Ferrara requested the task force position through the 2013/14 budgetary process earlier this year and the Board of Supervisors supported the request. 78% of Deputy Duffield's salary is paid by the grant and the remaining portion is paid by the county. Sheriff Ferrara said "This new sworn detective position fills a void that local law enforcement in Solano County have encountered with the rise in computer related crimes. With new technology becoming such a large part of so many crimes today it is imperative that we as law enforcement keep up with these trends. These types of crimes have no borders and working with the multiple jurisdictions expands our investigative capabilities".

Deputy Duffield has worked for the Sheriff's Office since 2007 and is scheduled to begin his new assignment in the next few weeks. Duffield will receive extensive training with regards to his new position with the task force. Duffield will be a valuable asset to the Solano County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement agencies in and around Northern California when his training is completed.

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